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ABSTRACT

A method of forming a shallow trench isolation has the steps of: forming a plurality of trenches in a semiconductor substrate; forming an oxide liner on the bottom and sidewall of each trench; and thermal annealing in a nitrogen-containing atmosphere to dope nitrogen elements in the oxide liner. Thus, a nitrogen-rich layer is formed at the interface between the oxide liner and the semiconductor substrate.